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REFERENDA AND PRIMARY ELECTION MATERIALS (ICPSR 0006)

COLLECTION CHANGES: Data for 1990 have been added to this collection, and SAS data definition statements (Parts 51-100) are now available for Parts 1-50.

NOTE: Most of the information in this collection is available ONLY in typed and photocopied form. The exception is data from 1968 to 1990. ICPSR has converted all statewide referenda returns from 1968-1990 into machine-readable form. Included in this portion of the collection are the county vote breakdowns for approximately 4,241 referenda voted upon in primary and general elections throughout the United States. A typed hardcopy codebook accompanies each state file. The primary election data are NOT available in machine-readable form. It is possible to supply, on a cost basis, limited portions of the referenda and primary election returns in the form of photocopies.

EXTENT OF COLLECTION: 50 data files + SAS data definition statements + SPSS data definition statements

EXTENT OF PROCESSING: CONCHK.ICPSR/ UNDOCCHK.ICPSR/ MDATA.ICPSR

DATA FORMAT: Logical Record Length with SAS and SPSS data definition statements

Parts 1-50: Referenda Elections
for States .

File Structure: rectangular
Cases: 3 to 254 per part
Variables: 13 to 1,251 per part
Record Length: 85 to 7,919
per part
Records Per Case: 1

Parts 51-100: SAS Data
Definition Statements
Record Length: 80

REFERENDA

Var. #

Description

1

ICPSR State Code 56

2

County or State Name

3

Identification Number

Unique numeric identification number assigned to each county or independent city within a state. The identification number for state-level records is 0000. This identification number, when used in conjunction with the ICPSR state code, uniquely identifies each unit of analysis in the data file.

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 323,560; No = 159,255

Ratification of Modern Budget Amendment: "To improve and simplify the budget-making process by vesting in one person, the chief executive, the responsibility for preparing the state budget for consideration by the Legislature"

4

Vote Yes (For)

5

Vote No (Against)

1968 Referendum

Constitutional Amendment

General Election, November 5, 1968

Yes = 366,958; No = 159,971

Ratification Roads Development Amendment: To authorize the Legislature to issue and sell state bonds not exceeding in the aggregate \$350,000,000 for the development of the Appalachian Highway System and a network of modern roads and highways throughout

6

Vote Yes (For) the state of West Virginia.

7

Vote No (Against)

State West Virginia

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 253,638; No - 117,660Amendment No. 1.To abolish the capitation, or "head" tax.

8

Vote Yes (For)

9

Vote No (Against)

1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 208,032; No = 141,970Amendment No. 2.To provide for a sixty-day session of the Legislature
each year, and to provide for a citizens legislative
compensation commission composed of seven citizens
appointed by the governor.

10

Vote Yes (For)

11

Vote No (Against)

State West Virginia

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1970 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 3, 1970Yes = 213,758; No = 157,597Amendment No. 4.To provide that a person can serve as governor two
consecutive terms.

12

Vote Yes (For)

13

Vote No (Against)

Referenda

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State West Virginia

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 391,390; No = 145,918Amendment No. 1:

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to authorize proposed amendments to the West Virginia Constitution to be voted upon by the voters at special elections as well as general elections.

14

Vote Yes (For)

15

Vote No (Against)

1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election; November 7, 1972Yes = 500,805; No = 100,567Amendment No. 2:

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to remove the personal property tax on household goods and personal effects.

16

Vote Yes (For)

17

Vote No (Against)

State West Virginia

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 418,869; No = 165,801Amendment No. 3:

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to authorize the Legislature to issue and sell state bonds in an amount not exceeding two hundred million dollars for distribution to county boards of education for use by such boards for the construction, renovation, remodeling and equipping of elementary and secondary school buildings and facilities and for acquisition and preparation of sites therefor.

18

Vote Yes (For)

19

Vote No (Against)

1972 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1972Yes = 330,829; No = 204,492Amendment No. 5:

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to amend the State Constitution to permit the Legislature to appropriate state funds for use in matching or maximizing grants-in-aid from the Federal Government or others to any county, municipality or other political subdivision of the State and to impose or dedicate a state tax or taxes for the aid of counties, municipalities or other political subdivisions of the State.

20

Vote Yes (For)

21

Vote No (Against)

State West Virginia

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1973 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentSpecial Election, November 6, 1973Yes=199,588; No=36,929Amendment No. 1. VIETNAM VETERANS BONUS AMNDMT.:

To permit the appropriation of general revenues
or the sale of state bonds for the payment of bonuses
and death benefits to veterans of the Vietnam
conflict or their relatives.

22

Vote Yes (For)

23

Vote No (Against)

1973 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentSpecial Election, November 6, 1973Yes=172,187; No=61,308Amendment No. 2. BETTER HIGHWAYS AMENDMENT:

To empower the Legislature to authorize the
issuing and selling of state bonds not exceeding in
the aggregate five hundred million dollars to be used
for bridge replacement and improvement program,
completion of the Appalachian Highway System, up-
grading sections of trunkline and feeder systems,
upgrading West Virginia State Route 2, --cont'd--

24

Vote Yes (For)

25

Vote No (Against)

REFERENDA for State of West Virginia

Amendment No. 2. BETTER HIGHWAYS AMENDMENT (cont'd):

upgrading state and local service roads and for construction, reconstruction, improving and materially upgrading of U.S. Route 52 between Huntington and Bluefield, West Virginia.

State West Virginia

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1973 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentSpecial Election, November 6, 1973Yes=202,407; No=31,665Amendment No. 3. HOMESTEAD AND TAXATION AMENDMENT:

To increase the allowable homestead exemption on
real and personal property and to exempt from ad
valorem property taxation the first five thousand
dollars of assessed valuation of a residence occu-
pied by the owner thereof who is sixty-five years of
age or older.

26

Vote Yes (For)

27

Vote No (Against)

1973 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentSpecial Election, November 6, 1973Yes=123,003; NO=107,427Amendment No. 5. SHERIFF'S SUCCESSION AMENDMENT:

To amend the State Constitution to permit persons
elected sheriff to serve two consecutive terms.

28

Vote Yes (For)

29

Vote No (Against)

State West Virginia

REFERENDA

Var. # Description1974 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 5, 1974Yes = 217,732 No = 127,393Judicial Reorganization Amendment

30

Vote Yes (For)

31

Vote No (Against)

 Referenda

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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

State West Virginia

REFERENDA

Var. #Description1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 90,173; No = 297,266

CA 1. To amend the State Constitution to permit the
Legislature to exempt inventory and warehouse goods
from ad valorem property taxation by general law to
such extent as it may from time to time determine.

32

Vote Yes (For)

33

Vote No (Against)

34

Total Votes

35

Vote Yes (Percent)

36

Vote No (Percent)

1978 ReferendaConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election, November 7, 1978Yes = 180,222; No = 229,103

CA 2. To reduce from sixty percent to a simple majority
the number of votes required for approval of an excess
levy for school purposes or the incurring of indebtedness
and the issuance of bonds by a county board of
education.

37

Vote Yes (For)

38

Vote No (Against)

39

Total Votes

40

Votes Yes (Percent)

41

Votes No (Percent)

State West Virginia

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=380,790 No=216,659

~~The purpose of this proposed amendment is to amend the
State Constitution or permit the Legislature to pass
laws authorizing state controlled bingo games and
raffles for charitable or public service organizations.~~

42

Vote Yes (For)

43

Vote No (Against)

44

Total Votes

45

Vote Yes (percent)

46

Vote No (percent)

State West Virginia

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1980 Ballot ProposalsConstitutional AmendmentGeneral Election--November 4th, 1980Yes=498,466 No=88,346

~~The purpose of this proposed amendment is to amend the
State Constitution to exempt from ad valorem property
taxation the first \$10,000 of any real property or
mobile home occupied as a residence by the owner who
is sixty-five years of age or older or is permanently
and totally disabled.~~

47

Vote Yes (For)

48

Vote No (Against)

49

Total Votes

50

Vote Yes (percent)

51

Vote No (percent)

State West Virginia

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1981 Ballot ProposalsSpecial Election - Nov. 3, 1981Yes = 125,582 No = 201,32752
53
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Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description Ballot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State WEST VIRGINIA

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot ProposalsGeneral Election November 2, 1982Yes = 248,912 No = 240,905Fair Education Opportunity

57

Vote Yes (For)

58

Vote No (Against)

59

Total Votes

60

Vote Yes (percent)

61

Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot ProposalsGeneral Election November 2, 1982Yes = 178,713 No = 320,308Sheriff's Succession

62

Vote Yes (For)

63

Vote No (Against)

64

Total Votes

65

Vote Yes (percent)

66

Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1982 Ballot Proposals

General Election November 2, 1982

Yes = 410,619 No = 102,140

Property Limitation and Homestead Amendment

67

Vote Yes (For)

68

Vote No (Against)

69

Total Votes

70

Vote Yes (percent)

71

Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #DescriptionBallot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var #Description1984

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 1

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 437,357 No = 219,453Lottery

72

Vote Yes (For)

73

Vote No (Against)

74

Total Votes

75

Vote Yes (percent)

76

Vote No (percent)

Var #Description

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 2

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 340,462 No = 252,491Qualified Veterans Housing Bonds

77

Vote Yes (For)

78

Vote No (Against)

79

Total Votes

80

Vote Yes (percent)

81

Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var #Description1984

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 3

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 511,057 No = 145,835Prayer in School

82

Vote Yes (For)

83

Vote No (Against)

84

Total Votes

85

Vote Yes (percent)

86

Vote No (percent)

Var #Description

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 4

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 285,771 No = 341,426Better Schools, Road and Public Works

87

Vote Yes (For)

88

Vote No (Against)

89

Total Votes

90

Vote Yes (percent)

91

Vote No (percent)

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var #Description1984

Ballot Proposals

Const. Amendment 5

General Election: November 6, 1984

Yes = 451,488 No = 195,172

Equitable Taxation and Exemption

92

Vote Yes (For)

93

Vote No (Against)

94

Total Votes

95

Vote Yes (percent)

96

Vote No (percent)

Var #Description

Ballot Proposals

Vote Yes (For)

Vote No (Against)

Total Votes

Vote Yes (percent)

Vote No (percent)

State WEST VIRGINIA

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1986 Ballot Proposals

Const. Amndt. 2, Better School Bldgs.

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 191,385 No = 209,355

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 2
BETTER SCHOOL BUILDINGS AMENDMENT**

Summary of Purpose: "To authorize the Legislature to issue and sell state bonds in an amount not exceeding two hundred million dollars for distribution to county boards of education for use by such boards for the construction, renovation, remodeling and equipping of elementary and secondary school buildings and facilities and for acquisition and preparation of sites therefor."

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State WEST VIRGINIA

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1986 Ballot Proposals

Const. Amndt. 3, Warehouse Freeport Tax Exemption

General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 215,640 No = 158,731

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 3
WAREHOUSE FREEPORT TAX EXEMPTION AMENDMENT**

Summary of Purpose: "To exempt certain personal property of inventory and warehouse goods from ad valorem property tax when such property is in the flow of interstate commerce or in transit and consignment to a warehouse public or private, within the State for delivery to a destination outside the State, with graduated phase in to full exemption over a five-year period."

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State WEST VIRGINIA

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1986 Ballot ProposalsConst. Amndt. 4, Sheriff's Succession
General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 123,966 No = 269,622

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 4
REPEAL OF THE LIMITATION ON SHERIFF'S
SUCCESSION AMENDMENT**

Summary of Purpose: "To repeal section three, article nine of the State Constitution which provided that a person who had been elected or who had served as a sheriff for all or part of two consecutive terms was ineligible for the office of sheriff for the term following the second of two consecutive terms."

112
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116Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)State WEST VIRGINIA

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #Description1986 Ballot ProposalsConst. Amndt. 5, Highway and Bridge Improvement
General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 155,395 No = 244,482

(PLEASE SEE REVERSE FOR

TEXT)

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121Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

AMENDMENT NUMBER 5

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT

Summary of Purpose: "To provide for the levy and collection of an additional consumers sales and service tax at the rate of one percent to be paid to the state road fund and dedicated to the purposes of such fund as appropriated by the Legislature to construct, reconstruct, upgrade and renovate highways and bridges throughout West Virginia to promote economic development, to facilitate industrial access and to improve the highway network; and to empower the Legislature to authorize the issuing and selling of state bonds the proceeds of which shall be used to construct new highways and new and replacement bridges throughout West Virginia to promote economic development, facilitate industrial access and to improve the highway network. These bonds shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount of five hundred million dollars and with no more than the principal amount of one hundred million dollars of bonds to be issued in any fiscal year. The consumers sales and service tax shall be levied, collected and dedicated to pay the interest on and principal of such bonds, and any excess funds so collected and dedicated shall be used for the purposes of the state road fund as appropriated by the Legislature. All brokerage fees along with all legal fees incurred as a result of this bond offering shall be bid out on a competitive bid basis to those brokerage houses and nationally recognized bond counsel with offices in West Virginia."

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

1986 Ballot Proposals

Const. Amndt. 6, School Board Members
General Election: November 4, 1986

Yes = 246,120 No = 136,927

**AMENDMENT NUMBER 6
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AMENDMENT**

Summary of Purpose: "To provide for the election of school board members and
restricting the number of members in the same magisterial district."

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State _____

BALLOT PROPOSALS

Var. #

Description

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Vote Yes (For)
Vote No (Against)
Total Votes
Vote Yes (percent)
Vote No (percent)

State WEST VIRGINIA

BALLOT PROPOSALS - 1988

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
127	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment, Special
128	Vote No (Against)	
129	Total Votes	Election: March 5, 1988.
130	Vote Yes (percent)	
131	Vote No (percent)	YES = 100,418 NO = 127,519

1988 SPECIAL ELECTION

Background

What is the special election for?

. To vote on the Uniform School Funding Amendment to the West Virginia Constitution, which if passed will replace existing county school excess levies as they expire with a uniform statewide 90% excess levy of ad valorem taxes (property taxes). (See enclosed copy of H.J.R. 29)

<u>Variable #</u>		<u>Description</u>
132	Vote Yes (For)	Constitutional Amendment, General
133	Vote No (Against)	
134	Total Votes	Election: November 8, 1988.
135	Vote Yes (percent)	
136	Vote No (percent)	YES = 157,318 NO = 335,444

U - AMENDMENT #1 - THE BOND ENHANCEMENT AMENDMENT

SUMMARY: "To increase the amount of bonded indebtedness which a county, city, school district or municipal corporation may incur from five per centum to ten per centum on the value of taxable property.